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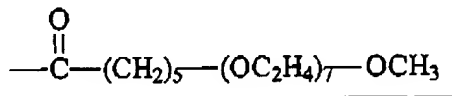
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**MESSAGE:**

Pursuant to the teleconference on March 12, 2003 with Shawna Cannon Lemon, Ph.D., Esq. regarding U.S. Application Serial No. 09/873,899, below are proposed amendments for the above-referenced case. These changes are for discussion purposes only and not to be used as part of the record.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A mixture of conjugates each comprising [an] a human insulin drug coupled to an oligomer **[that comprises a polyethylene glycol moiety,]** having a formula:



wherein the mixture has a dispersity coefficient (DC) greater than 10,000 where